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SUBJECT: PROJECT BOSS-OENO ISLAND

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1. SUBPARAGRAPH 2(B) OF FCO DRAFT NOTE QUOTED IN REF A IMPLIES THAT USAF HAS OTHER EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY ON OENO ISLAND WHICH IS TO BE REMOVED AND THAT THE USG HAS A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY TO RESTORE THE ISLAND TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE. FCO SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT USAF HAS COMPLETED THE REMOVAL OF ALL ITS EQUIPMENT AND ANY WASTE MATERIAL OR DEBRIS WHICH RESULTED FROM CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWERS. BESIDES THE TOWERS, REFLECTORS AND SUPPORTING GUYS, THE ONLY THING LEFT ON THE ISLAND WAS AN OUTSIDE TOILET WHICH, AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE AT PITCAIRN ISLAND, WAS LEFT FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PITCAIRN

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ISLANDERS WHO VISIT OENO FROM TIME TO TIME, FISHING,

COLLECTING FIREWOOD, ETC.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD PROPOSE FOLLOWING
CHANGES TO DRAFT NOTE QUOTED IN REF A:

A. INSERT THE FOLLOWING NEW PENULTIMATE SENTENCE IN THE
MAIN BODY OF PARAGRAPH 2 (BEFORE SENTENCE BEGINNING
"ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO SUGGEST ETC"): "EXCEPT
FOR THE REFLECTORS, TOWERS AND OTHER PROPERTY LEFT IN

PLACE AT THE REQUEST OF PITCAIRN ISLAND AUTHORITIES,
ALL OTHER EQUIPMENT OR PROPERTY BROUGHT ONTO THE
ISLAND BY THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HAS BEEN REMOVED
AND THE ISLAND, INsofar AS PRACTICABLE, RESTORED TO
ITS ORIGINAL STATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS
OF PARA 3(H) OF THE AFOREMENTIONED EXCHANGE OF NOTES."

B. ADD TO PARA 2(A) "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES WILL BE ABSOLVED OF ANY FURTHER LIABILITY OR
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REFLECTORS, TOWERS, AND OTHER
PROPERTY LEFT IN PLACE AT THE REQUEST OF THE PITCAIRN
ISLAND AUTHORITIES."

C. DELETE SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (B) AND REDESIGNATE SUBPARA-
GRAPH 2(C) AS 2(B). KISSINGER

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